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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION

1. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC FIGURES AND MILITARY OFFICERS ATTENDING OUR RECEPTION IN THE GARDEN OF THE RESIDENCE ON JULY 5 HAD MADE A PARTICULAR EFFORT TO BE ON HAND FOR THIS OBSERVANCE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL, AND THAT THEY CONSIDERED IT TO BE A VERY SPECIAL EVENT. THIS IS NOT THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN PEOPLE IN IZMIR LIKE TO ATTEND LARGE SOCIAL EVENTS. MANY HAVE MOVED OUT OF TOWN TO SUMMER RESI-

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DENCES AT THE BEACHES. NEVERTHELESS AN ESTIMATED 500 GUESTS OUT OF 850 INVITEES JOINED IN THE CELEBRATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE WARM AND SOMETIMES EMOTIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WISHES VOICED AT THE RECEPTION, I RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM PERSONS NOT ATTENDING, AS WELL AS FROM SOME NOT INVITED. IN THE COURSE OF THE RECEPTION I GAVE A PREPARED SPEECH OF WELCOME IN TURKISH AND ENGLISH, MAKING REFERENCE TO THE LONG HISTORY OF U.S. CONSULAR AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH IZMIR. THE GOVERNOR RESPONDED WITH A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATIONS, IN WHICH HE TERMED THE

BICENTENNIAL AN IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY IN THE HISTORY OF
DEMOCRACY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE MAYORS OF IZMIR AND MANISA
AND MANY PROVINCE AND CITY OFFICIALS, THERE WAS GOOD REPRESENTATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
AEGEAN ARMY COMMANDER SUNALP, THE SENIOR LOCAL TURKISH AIR
FORCE AND NAVY COMMANDER AND MANY NATO OFFICERS WERE PRESENT.
ON THE OTHER HAND, NONE OF THE LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS
OR THE PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM THE AREA CAME TO THE RECEPTION.
THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE PRESUMABLE IN ANKARA IN ANY CASE

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AND HAD NOT BEEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND.
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